

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (currently amended) An isolated polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence having at least about 80% identity to amino acid residues ~~X~~ 20 to 105 of SEQ ID NO:2, ~~wherein X is an amino acid residue from 14 to 24 of SEQ ID NO:2 and~~ wherein the polypeptide promotes proliferation of adrenal cortex-derived capillary endothelial cells.
2. (currently amended) The polypeptide of claim 1, comprising an amino acid sequence having at least about 85% identity to amino acid residues ~~X~~20 to 105 of SEQ ID NO:2.
3. (currently amended) The polypeptide of claim 1, comprising an amino acid sequence having at least about 90% identity to amino acid residues ~~X~~20 to 105 of SEQ ID NO:2.
4. (currently amended) The polypeptide of claim 1, comprising an amino acid sequence having at least about 95% identity to amino acid residues ~~X~~20 to 105 of SEQ ID NO:2.
5. (cancelled)
6. (original) The polypeptide of claim 1, wherein the amino acid sequence comprises amino acid residues 20 to 105 of SEQ ID NO:2.
7. (original) The polypeptide of claim 1, wherein the amino acid sequence comprises an amino acid sequence having at least about 80% identity to SEQ ID NO:2.
8. (original) The polypeptide of claim 7, wherein the amino acid sequence comprises SEQ ID NO:2.

9. (original) The polypeptide of claim 1, wherein the polypeptide is a native sequence of endocrine gland-derived vascular endothelial growth factor (EG-VEGF).
10. (original) The polypeptide of claim 9, wherein the native sequence is an allelic variant of EG-VEGF.
11. (original) The polypeptide of claim 9, wherein the native sequence is SEQ ID NO:2.
12. (original) The polypeptide of claim 9, wherein the native sequence is human.
13. (withdrawn) An isolated polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide of claim 1.
14. (withdrawn) The polynucleotide of claim 13, comprising nucleotides 91 to 405 of SEQ ID NO:1.
15. (withdrawn) A vector comprising the polynucleotide of claim 13.
16. (withdrawn) A host cell comprising the vector of claim 15.
17. (withdrawn) An isolated polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide of claim 5.
18. (withdrawn) A vector comprising the polynucleotide of claim 17.
19. (withdrawn) A host cell comprising the vector of claim 18.
20. (withdrawn) An isolated polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide of claim 6.
21. (withdrawn) A vector comprising the polynucleotide of claim 20.
22. (withdrawn) A host cell comprising the vector of claim 21.

- 23. (withdrawn) An isolated polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide of claim 7.
- 24. (withdrawn) A vector comprising the polynucleotide of claim 23.
- 25. (withdrawn) A host cell comprising the vector of claim 24.